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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NEW HUNSTANTON
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1949.

Area (in acres): 1498 (including 434 acres of Foreshore).

Registrar-General's estimate of
resident population: 3351

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1949)
according to Rate Books.: 1123

Rateable value and sum represented by
a penny rate: £33,349
£130

Social condition, including the
chief industries carried on in
the area, and the extent of
Unemployment:- None.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	50	28	22	Birth rate per 1000 estimated resident population 1949:- <u>16.4</u>
Illegitimate	5	2	3	

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>				
Legitimate	2	1	1	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births:- 35
Illegitimate	-	-	-	

<u>DEATHS</u>				
Death from:				Rate per 1000 Estimated Population - <u>18.2</u>
puerperal causes	61	21	40	
Puerperal sepsis	0			0
Other puerperal causes:	0			0
	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>

Deaths of infants under one year of age:- Total 5. 3 M. 2. F.

<u>DEATH RATE</u>	All infants, per 1000 live births:	90.9
	Legitimate infants per 1000 Legitimate live births:	100.
	Illegitimate infants per 1000 Illegitimate live births:	None

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	11	M. 2.	F. 9.
Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
Whooping cough (all ages)	0	0	0
Sharrhoca (under 2 years of age)	0	0	0

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has been received or required comment:- None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year; any conditions of occupation or environment, which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health; and any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults: - None.

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. One part-time Medical Officer of Health, Building Surveyor, Additional Sanitary Inspector, District Nurse.
2. (a) Laboratory facilities: None other than Medical Research Council Laboratory at the Norwich City Isolation Hospital.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: For non-infectious and accident cases a Motor ambulance is provided by a Local Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society conjointly for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible. After 1/5/48 taken over by Norfolk County Council, but run for them by the Committee referred to above.
- (c) Nursing in the home: The District Nurse undertakes this.
- (d) Treatment centres and clinics, including clinics used solely for diagnoses or consultation: This work is undertaken at the King's Lynn Hospital.
- (e) Hospitals: Public and Voluntary: None other than the King's Lynn Hospital.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage Disposal plant at New Hunstanton has operated satisfactorily during the year.

Trouble has been experienced on the South Beach as it has not always been possible to operate the ejector which serves this area at sufficiently frequent intervals. The compressor plant serving this ejector is worked by steam raised at the Gas Works. It is hoped that during the coming year steps will be taken to electrify the system.

It has not been possible during the year to proceed any further with the plans for the re-sewering of Hunstanton North but it is hoped that some advance will be made with this project during 1950. In the meantime every care is being taken to operate the existing disposal plant as satisfactorily as possible.

2. House Refuse.

The weekly collection of house refuse has been maintained during the year, and during the summer months twice or thrice weekly collections have been maintained at all business and catering establishments.

Disposal is by Controlled Tipping, which is carried out on the South Beach during the winter months and at the Heacham Quarry during the summer months.

3. Water Supply.

A satisfactory supply of water was maintained during the year, and the total gallonage of water pumped during 1949 was 94,857,000 as against 94,419,000 during 1948.

During the year 4 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The analysis showed that the water was adequately chlorinated and was satisfactory for drinking purposes. Arrangements have been made for more regular sampling to be carried out during 1950.

All houses in the district have direct mains supply of water with the exception of 29 houses in Hunstanton North which have mains supply from communal taps.

SECTION D. Housing.

The total number of families housed in Requisitioned properties at the end of the year was 47.

The Council have one estate of 5 bungalows for Aged Persons in Park Road.

A start was made during the year with the erection of 14 Council Houses on the Hill Street site and 2 of these were occupied during the year.

Land has been acquired off Sea Lane at Hunstanton North and a scheme prepared for the erection of 4 Duplex type houses, giving accommodation for 8 families, and 12 semi-detached houses. Work on the scheme was started during the year.

During the year 2 private houses were completed and occupied and 3 houses were converted into flats.

A number of inspections were carried out under the Housing Act, 1936 and, where necessary, informal notices were served.

SECTION E.

Milk Supply.

There are no producers within the Urban Area.

Meat Inspection.

The following carcasses were inspected at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse:-

Cattle	842
Calves	74
Sheep	2,147
Pigs	53

Condemnation certificates were issued in respect of the following :-

Cattle

Complete carcasses and all edible offal	21
Part forequarters	8
Hindquarters	1
Part hindquarters	4
Heads and tongues	48
Lungs	73
Skirts	3
Hearts	5
Livers	160
Part Livers.	66
Sploons	6
Intestines and mesenteric fat	5
Udders	1

Calves

Plucks	1
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Sheep

Complete carcasses and all edible offal	1
Part forequarters	1
Plucks	2
Livers	36

Pigs

Complete carcasses and all edible offal	2
Part hindquarters	2
Heads	1
Plucks	5
Intestines and mesenteric fat	6

Other Foods

The following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year:-

Fish	92 lb
Chickens	216 lb
Cheese	126 lb 10 oz
Butter	219 lb
Margarine	54 lb
Boiled sweets	1 lb 8 oz
Tinned fish	15 oz
Tea	16 lb
Tinned milk	54 lb 12 oz
Tinned meats	162 lb 4 oz
Tinned vegetables	40 lb 14 oz
Other foods	46 lb 7 oz

Ice Cream.

Regular inspections of manufacturers' and retailers' premises were carried out during the year and conditions found were satisfactory.

SECTION F.

Existing facilities for typing pneumococci and provision of appropriate type sera:

NONE.

Notifiable Diseases during 1949.

Disease.	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0
Measles	2	0	0
Jaundice	1	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1949.

NEW CASES

DEATHS

Age periods

	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 -	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
35 -	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
45 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 -	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 and upwards.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0

County Tuberculosis Statistics, 1949.

The number of new cases of tuberculosis reported by formal notification and the case rates per 1000 of the population during 1949 are as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Case Rate</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Case Rate</u>
161	.45	80	.23

The mortality figures for the same period are as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Case rate</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Case Rate.</u>
100.	.28.	13.	.04.

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